

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 27, 2020
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Miller Senate Office Building
Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee Room
11 Bladen Street, Second Floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

***No WebEx will be made available due to General Assembly rules**

AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Annual Lead Report – (Cliff Mitchell)
- III. Pharmacy Briefing – (Athos Alexandrou)
- IV. Behavioral Health ASO Update
- V. Medicaid Legislative Update – (Chris Coats)
- VI. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:
Monday, February 24, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Miller Senate Office Building
Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee Room
11 Bladen Street, Second Floor
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

November 21, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Maansi Raswant
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Ms. Anna Sierra
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Karen Williams
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Mr. William Webb
Ms. Nicole McCann
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Ms. Isabella Firth
Ms. Kim Lightfoot

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
Ms. Robin Moore
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Mr. Eric Adler
Ms. Carmel Roques
The Hon. Pat Young
Mr. Ben Steffen

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the October 24, 2019 meeting as written. Ms. Louise Baucom attended the meeting for Delegate Matthew Morgan and Ms. Megan Renfrew attended for Mr. Ben Steffen.

Departmental Report

Ms. Vickie Walters reviewed the new Maryland Health Department Attendance Policy for boards and committees. Ms. Walters went over the annual Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting schedule and locations. She reiterated that MMAC members are expected to attend at least 50% of scheduled meetings and that sending a representative does not negate an absence.

Behavioral System of Care

Lisa Burgess, M.D., Acting Deputy Secretary Behavioral Health Administration, gave the Committee an outline of the public mental health system of care design. This system was developed through collaboration between Medicaid, Behavioral Health and the managed care organizations (MCOs) to address the unique needs of individuals who have behavioral health disorders. Dr. Burgess presented an outline of the system of care design team, design component quality principles development, and the payment and systems management flow (see attached presentations).

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program

Ms. Marlana Hutchinson, Deputy Director, Long Term Services and Supports and Mr. Alexander Shekhdar gave the Committee an overview of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program and the Departmental plans to move the program forward (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Mr. Mark Leeds, Director, Office of Long Term Services and Supports, informed the Committee of the following:

Regulations – the comment period has expired on several proposed regulations and the Department has already submitted notices of final action in publication. The acute hospital, fair hearing and REM regulations are all now final.

State Plan Amendments (SPA) –all of the pending amendments have been approved including the Lead Paint Risk Assessors and 1915(i) (HCBS) Rates. A new telehealth SPA was submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on November 18, 2019 to update the state plan to remove the transmission fee to be consistent with in-person reimbursement for health services.

Waivers – the three Developmental Disabilities waiver amendments continue to be in process pending CMS review although we are approaching the 90th day. A further temporary extension request was submitted for the 1915(i) to extend the extension until June 30, 2020.

Other Committee News

Legislation passed last session established the Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Program. Health Care Access Maryland will be doing a radio ad to promote the program with a member of the Baltimore Orioles that will be launched on January 27, 2020.

There have been many proposed Medicaid fiscal accountability rules coming from CMS in the last couple of weeks. The message to states emphasized their expectations around making sure that the program is sustainable in the future and that we are serving individuals that truly need Medicaid services. There are several components of fiscal accountability, one of which is a disproportionate share hospital (DSH) component where they are trying to reduce DSH money. Maryland has the all-payer system and regardless of DSH we get the match on uncompensated care. Maryland has the uncompensated care payment built into overall payment rates and we get a 50% match on uncompensated care in the Medicaid program. Where Maryland will see an impact is with the state owned hospitals.

Public Comments

Ms. Janelle Laurence, Executive Director, Behavioral Intervention Certification Council gave public comments on Board Certified Autism Technician (BCAT) certification.

Adjournment

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.